

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed April 5, 2005. Claims 1 to 23 are cancelled. New claims 24 to 30 are being added and are pending and at issue in this application. No new matter has been added.

A check in the amount of \$200 is enclosed to cover the cost of the two additional independent claims. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency of payment or to credit any over payment.

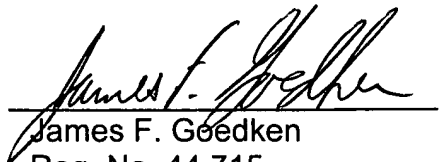
The Office Action rejected Claims 4, 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,415,207 to Jones. Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections. Nevertheless, to place this application in condition for allowance, applicants have cancelled these claims without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications including claims of identical or similar scope.

The Office Action objected to Claims 6 to 10, 13 and 14 as being based on a rejected claim and indicated that these claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Per the Examiner's suggestion, Claims 6 to 10, 13 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 24 to 30 and are now in condition for allowance.

Specifically, claim 6 has been rewritten as new claim 24. Claim 7 has been rewritten as new claim 25. Claim 8 has been rewritten as new claim 26. Claim 9 has been rewritten as new claim 27. Claim 10 has been rewritten as new claim 28. Claim 13 has been rewritten as new claim 29. Claim 14 has been rewritten as new claim 30.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance, and in the absence of more pertinent art, such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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